

**OPINION SUMMARY**  
**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT**

CHRISTOPHER SANDKNOP, Relator,	)	No. ED101967
	)	
vs.	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
	)	St. Louis County
HONORABLE STEVEN H. GOLDMAN,	)	
CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS	)	Honorable Steven H. Goldman
COUNTY, MISSOURI and	)	
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,	)	
Respondents.	)	Filed: December 9, 2014

Christopher Sandknop (Relator) filed a petition seeking a writ of mandamus compelling the Honorable Steven Goldman (Respondent) to immediately release Relator on probation pursuant to § 217.362 RSMo Supp. 2004. Relator claims that Respondent exceeded his jurisdiction and abused his discretion by failing to immediately release Relator on probation when Relator completed his long-term treatment program.

REVERSED AND REMANDED.

Writ Division Seven Holds: Section 217.362 requires a circuit court, upon a chronic offender's successful completion of a long-term treatment program, to either immediately release the offender on probation or alternatively execute the offender's sentence. Respondent's Amended Order created a third option not prescribed by § 217.362 and is contrary to law. We make the Preliminary Order in Mandamus permanent and we reverse Respondent's Amended Order and remand with directions for Respondent to comply with the requirements of § 217.362.

Opinion by: Philip M. Hess, P.J.  
Patricia L. Cohen, J., and Lisa S. Van Amburg, J., concur.

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